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1. The head of the Security Bureau of Wonsan, PAK Yang-sin (朴陽信), issued a directive early in September 1949 that police should arrest the Roman Catholic priests in Wonsan and confiscate their property.
2. During September and October, the police arrested approximately 30 priests of German nationality, charging them with reactionary intrigue against the People's Republic. The priests were sentenced to hard labor at Musan (129-10, 42-10) County, South Kamgyong Province. On 20 October, the priests' property was confiscated.
3. The anti-clerical action was taken at the instigation of the Soviet mission in North Korea.

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